



## PROMINENT MAN IS ARRESTED

### Adjutant-General Hamilton is Arrested in Olympia Upon Charge of Embezzlement

## CONFESSES HE IS GUILTY

### Investigation Discloses the Fact That Hamilton Has Been Leading Strenuous Life and Income Not Equal to His Salary.

OLYMPIA, May 5.—Ortis Hamilton, formerly adjutant-general of the State of Washington, was arrested at the door of Governor Hay's office this afternoon on a warrant charging him with embezzlement of \$188 from the state military fund. This action was taken at the instance of Governor Hay who had been investigating Hamilton's accounts for several months and who today summoned Hamilton to his office and confronted him with proofs of a breach of trust. Hamilton collapsed and it is said on official authority, he admitted the truth of most of the charges against him. He was locked up in the county jail. It is said that Hamilton's shortage is likely to reach \$50,000.

Several months ago an official investigation of the sources of Hamilton's income was begun because he had been spending money at a furious pace in company with young women of Seattle. Looking over Hamilton's ledger it was found that a single regiment of militia had been supplied with more than a half million shells at a cost exceeding \$17,000. It was also discovered that while during his first two years of incumbency in office the cost of target practice amounted to only \$828, in 1907, and in 1908 the ammunition forgeries amounted so far as discovered to over \$13,000 most of the forged bills purporting to be from Benicia arsenal. Soon after the investigation was begun, Hay removed Hamilton from the office of adjutant-general, but retained him in a subordinate position, the duty of the governor, auditor and adjutant-general being a similar board and to act in concert both in ordering supplies and auditing the fund, but Hamilton had inspired such confidence and held the good will of his associates to such an extent that soon after his appointment in 1906 he was given full power.

Hamilton is 36 years of age, the son of a wealthy farmer of Whitman county and was educated at the military academy at Portland. He was married in 1907 to Miss Mary Savage, the daughter of a rich Whitman county farmer. The legislature last winter made an appropriation of \$8000 to cover a deficit in the military fund, Hamilton having overdrawn his account to that extent. Hamilton made a statement to the joint appropriation committee that was so satisfactory that the overdraft was speedily covered.

## NEW LINE WANTED.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—Agitation was in progress at Auckland, N.

## PROMINENT FISHING TOWN DESERTED

### Wedderburn, the Former Home of R. D. Hume is Practically Deserted and Cannery Will be Closed

GOLD BEACH, Or., May 5.—Notwithstanding R. D. Hume, one of the pioneer salmon packers of Oregon was often maligned, and his efforts discredited, since his death there has been a wonderful change. The entire Hume estate at Wedderburn, the location of the salmon cannery will be offered for sale. The town is practically deserted and the cannery and fishing will not open this season. A

Z., when the Marama sailed for the renewal of the steamship line from New Zealand to San Francisco. A resolution was passed by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce urging the Dominion Government to arrange for the reinstatement of the San Francisco service, which the mover said, the Spreckels Company was willing to undertake with the same steamers previously used and lying idle at San Francisco. The president of the Chamber suggested that a subsidy of from \$100,000 to \$125,000 annually should be given by New Zealand.

## TENNESSEE CLUB WOMEN.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 5.—Tennessee's capital city is today teeming with women from all over the State, who have come here to participate in the annual convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs of this State. Delegates from every club in Tennessee are here and all of the visitors are being heartily welcomed, and every attention and consideration is being shown them. The sessions begin with a welcome meeting tonight and will continue over Thursday and Friday.

## DEMO TAKES IT.

SPOKANE, May 5.—Nearly complete returns show that Pratt, Democrat, will have between 600 and 700 majority for Mayor and that Peterson, Republican, is elected treasurer. Nine of the 10 Councilmen are Republicans.

## ADOLPH NORDSTROM IS SENTENCED TO HANG

## MAN WHO MURDERED JOHN PETERSON MUST PAY PENALTY ON GALLOWS.

TILLAMOOK, Or., May 5.—Adolph Nordstrom was sentenced to death this morning for the murder of John Peterson, on February 28, and the prisoner is to be hanged on June 18. This is the first person to be sentenced to death in Tillamook county. Sheriff Crenshaw immediately after the sentence went with the prisoner for Salem.

## YESTERDAY'S BALL SCORES.

**National League.**  
Pittsburg 6, St. Louis 5.  
Brooklyn 8, Philadelphia 3.  
Chicago 5, Cincinnati 2.  
**American League.**  
New York 2, Boston 0.  
Cleveland 5, Chicago 6.  
St. Louis 1, Detroit 3.  
Philadelphia 3, Washington 4.  
**Coast League.**  
Portland 7, San Francisco 4.  
Sacramento 6, Los Angeles 5.  
Oakland 0, Vernon 8.  
**Northwest League.**  
Vancouver 7, Portland 1.  
Spokane 10, Tacoma 4.  
Seattle 3, Aberdeen 0.

## BRINGS THE "DINGO."

VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—H. D. Baker, American consul at Hobart, Tasmania, who was a passenger on the Marama brought with him a small sized menagerie including two Tasmanian tigers, a black swan, a dingo and other animals and birds for the Yosemite National Park.

## ASTORIA ELECTRIC COMPANY TO EXPEND \$150,000 IN FINE SCHEME OF GENERAL EXTENSION

### New Directorate Elected Here Yesterday Afternoon as Well as Staff of General Officers, the Majority of Directors Being in and of Astoria

### Work Will be Commenced at Once and Follow Long Fostered Plans of Owning Company, Made Practicable by Yesterday's Official Election and Will be Prosecuted to a Finality Without Interruption

The Astoria Electric Company having acquired the interests of prominent local capitalists in that company, held a special meeting at the office of the company yesterday afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing the Astoria interests of the company and electing a new board of directors. A large majority of the stock was represented and the following directors were elected: E. G. Mitchell, S. S. Gordon, G. C. Flavel, R. G. Prael, Martin Foad, F. G. Sykes, and J. D. Mortimer. Messrs. Sykes and Mortimer are residents of New York and among the largest stockholders.

After the election of the directors they immediately met and organized and proceeded with the election of the following named officers: President, Z. G. Mitchell; vice-president, S. S. Gordon; secretary, D. F. McGee; assistant secretary and treasurer, A. E. Smith of New York.

The matter of extending and improving the present service was discussed at length and it was decided, as soon as practicable, that the present street car line be extended east to a point near the Hammond Mills, and the system be overhauled and placed in a first-class condition. It was decided to place the matter of details in the hands of Mr. McGee, the secretary and general manager.

In the course of an extended interview, later in the day, with Messrs. Sykes and McGee, as the leading representatives of the company here, a reporter for the Morning Astorian was given to understand that the events of the afternoon had so clarified the business atmosphere of the company as to make it possible to proceed with a course of essential and logical improvements, long desired by the owning company, but rather negatively by the representative stockholders in this city, in which the sum

of at least \$150,000 is to be expended; that the scope and range of these betterments of the plant and service were such as to put the industry on a par with the most modern of its competitors throughout the Northwest.

Naturally, there are certain details not yet ready for public discussion, the mere mention of which might go far to vitiate negotiations pending and to be entered into, and these reservations were made last night, with the assurance from both gentlemen that they would be released at the earliest practicable moment, as it was held to be a matter of business expedience that the people should know, and appreciate, the measure of the company's purposes as soon as they were amenable to candid statement, and this on the ground that such candor invariably contributed to a better understanding abroad.

Enough was ascertained, however, in a general way, to warrant the declaration here, that over \$40,000 is to be expended in purely local work upon the lines within the city, in increasing and bettering the rail, power and electrical distribution services, and the balance of the sum named in the wider work of extension of the railway lines, the amplification of the power plant, the extension and amendment of the lighting department and the material improvement of the entire system, at all points.

No denial was made of the Astorian's recent announcement that the cars of the company would be sent east and west, to the Hammond plant in the one case, and to the West Side towns, in the other; that the company would do a general lighting and power business far beyond the city limits and that even Fort Stevens might be included in the scheme of development as to its lighting.

Considering the necessary reticence observed by Messrs. Sykes and McGee, and the excellent reasons existing for it, it is not beyond the possibilities that the sum named, \$150,000, is well within the limitations that will be reached in the matter of appropriation and expenditure, in the full course of the company's plans; since such a sum would prove inadequate to cover the range and class of improvements palpably known to be under consideration at this time.

At all events, Astoria may take what of assurance, and gratification, lies within the avowed designs of the Astoria Electric Company, and build to them safely; for the company certainly has a wide margin outlined and is in the field to secure every possible, logical advantage inuring from a practical and generous outlay of money and technical improvement everywhere on its system. It is the first and best expression of a new policy, long fostered, which it is now free to indulge, and in the hands of men trained to the adoption and use of the latest and best in all phases of electrical service, as are these gentlemen, there can be no discount on the promises involved.

Another strong feature of this broad departure on the part of the Astoria Electric, is that it is in full consonance with the spirit of improvement gradually developing here on all sides, and is not likely to be in any manner lessened in comparison. There are things doing around Astoria, by people and companies whose least movement in the direction of amendment and extension means a good deal, not the least of whom, is the active and energetic concern here dealt with.

The work here spoken of will go forward at once, and continue, without interruption, to a finality.

## AN ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP BOY FRUSTRATED

## CONVICT IN SAN QUENTIN ATTEMPTS TO STEAL THE GOVERNOR'S SON.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 5.—A plot to kidnap the eight-year-old son of Governor Gillette was unearthed at San Quentin prison this morning when it was found that J. B. Clifton, one of the most notorious criminals in the state, who, is serving a term for attempting the life of Detective Hodgkins in Oakland, had completed arrangements with confederates on the outside of the penitentiary to steal the boy and hold him for ransom. The price of the lad's return was to be Clifton's pardon.

## WANTS LIVING SKELETON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Uncle Sam wants a thin man—the thinner the better—at a salary warranted to keep him thin, to assist in operating refrigerating machinery in a special government railway car designed for the pre-cooling of fruit. To supply the need a civil service examination was held today. Since the museum business is not very profitable these days it was expected that no difficulty would be encountered in finding a living skeleton willing to accept the job at a salary of \$900 to \$1,200 a year.

All the incumbent will be required to do to earn his money will be to re-

main as thin as the salary demands, squeeze himself into odd nooks and corners of the car, when occasion arises, to insure the pre-cooling of fruits wedged in remote recesses, and demonstrate that he has an intimate knowledge of refrigerating machinery.

## NEW BATTLESHIP.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 5.—New Orleans is preparing an enthusiastic reception for the new battleship Mississippi, which is due to arrive here tomorrow. At the conclusion of a six days' visit in New Orleans the Mississippi will proceed up the river for brief visits at Donaldsonville, Plaquemine, Baton Rouge and Natchez. After returning to this city the battleship will proceed to Horn Island to receive a magnificent silver service from the State of Mississippi.

## BENCH SHOW IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND Ore., May 5.—Aristocratic dogs of all varieties, more than 400 of them, are in the hands of the judges at the annual show of the Portland kennel club, which opened today and will continue through the remainder of the week. It is one of the most extensive exhibitions of dogs ever shown in the Northwest. There are dogs from several sections of the United States and Canada, many of them prize winners.

## NOTABLE WEDDING IN WASH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—A wedding of interest in both diplomatic and naval circles today was that of Miss Blanche Emory, daughter of Rear Admiral Emory, and Edmund Ovey of the British Embassy. Cardinal Gibbons officiated at the ceremony, which was performed at the home of the bride's father.

## WHALING SHIP SUPPOSED LOST CAPTURED

## CREW OF AMERICANS SUPPOSED TO BE IN PRISON IN VENEZUELA.

KINGSTON, St. Vncents, D. S. W., May 5.—It may be that Captain Collin Stephenson and a crew of the American whaling ship Carrie D. Knowles which was believed to have been lost at sea are still alive in a Venezuela. An American seaman named Payne, an escaped prisoner from Venezuela has made his way to Kingston where he laid before the authorities an astounding story of the seizure of the Carrie D. Knowles at Venezuela, the port which she arrived at five years ago in distress. He claims the vessel was seized and the crew imprisoned. A speedy investigation will be made.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH SYNOD.

EUREKA, S. D., May 5.—The annual meeting of the Lutheran church synod of North and South Dakota convened here today with an attendance of over 100 delegates and visitors. The location of the proposed Lutheran college is one of the principal matters to come before the meeting for decision.

## A SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS.

NEW YORK, May 5.—In the little town of Hartsdale, New York, within easy access of the metropolis, there

was dedicated today the first permanent school for mothers ever erected in the United States. The institution which bears the name of Carolina Rest, was erected through the munificence of George H. F. Schrader, a wealthy retired business man whose home is in Hartsdale. Here the poverty-stricken mothers from the teeming tenements of New York city are to be taken for rest and recuperation immediately after the birth of their children. At the same time they will be given a course of instruction in the proper care of infants.

## LATEST INVENTIONS.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 5.—An international exhibition of the latest inventions was opened in St. Petersburg today under the patronage of the Czar. The range of exhibits includes military and naval techniques, agricultural science, means of communication, construction work, new industrial and factory appliances, electrical appliances, household novelties and improvements in fire-fighting apparatus. New inventions in the fine arts, medicines, sports, etc., also are included in the programme.

## POTTS GOES TO PHILIPPINES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 5.—Brig-Gen. Ramsey D. Potts, late commander of the Department of the Gulf, sailed today for the Philippines, where he is to relieve Brig-Gen. Charles L. Hodges in command of the Department of the Vizzayas.

## TRYING TO GET UP WAR WITH JAPAN

## JAPANESE WARSHIPS TO BE SENT TO BERING SEA IMMEDIATELY

VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—Japanese warships are to be sent to Bering sea to protect Japanese sealers who flock across the Pacific each year according to a letter received from Tokyo this morning. This proceeding is likely to create international complications. The request for warships is being made by the sealing industries. Congressman Bartholdt made this statement tonight at a banquet that closed the second national peace congress. He made it for the benefit of K. Matsubara, the Japanese consul at Chicago who sat near him. Bartholdt smilingly declared that the agitation had resulted in no impairment of the good relations between the United States and Japan.

## MANY DELEGATES PRESENT.

WEST POINT, Miss., May 5.—The annual convention of the Mississippi division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy began here today for a session of three days with an attendance of many delegates, including representatives from all of the chapters throughout the State. Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, of Brandon, presided at the formal opening of the gathering.

## WISCONSIN-ILLINOIS LEAGUE.

RACINE, Wis., May 5.—The Wisconsin-Illinois League, one of the strongest of the minor baseball organizations, opened its season today, with Freeport at Rockford, Oshkosh at Fond du Lac, Appleton at Green Bay and Madison at Racine. Appleton and Racine are new cities in the circuit this year, having taken the places of Wausau and La Crosse.

## TARIFF BILL STILL BEING DISCUSSED

### Probabilities of Early Adjournment is Remote and May Continue for Another Month

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The possibility of the passage of the tariff bill and adjournment of the special session of congress before July 1st seems to have vanished. This conclusion has been reached by the president as a result of recent talks with senators and representatives and he made known today that the senate is not making much headway. It was expected that before the tariff bill can

## GALE AND FIRE DOES DAMAGE

### Brush Fires in British Columbia Causes Immense Damage to Property and Ranchers

## TERRIFIC GALE WAS BLOWING

### Many Ranchers Were Compelled to Flee For Their Lives Leaving Their Homes to Ravages of Fire Winds Entailing Immense Loss.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., May 5.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars in property was destroyed and scores of ranchers were forced to flee for their lives as a result of a disastrous brush fire that swept over the country from Notch Hill as far east as Three Valley and south from Sicamous as far as Vernon yesterday and today. Among the losses are two large sawmills entailing a loss of over \$100,000. Several of the mill hands had to flee for their lives. Three large brush fires have been burning for several days, and a terrific gale soon brought them in contact with each other. Many houses and barns fell a prey to the fire and a large number of cattle were lost while the settlers were compelled to seek safety. While it is impossible to estimate the total losses it is known they will reach to nearly a half million of dollars.

On the main lines of the Canadian Pacific, fences and telegraph lines were destroyed for nearly 20 miles. West of Kamloops wires were blown down by the heavy winds, so that Kamloops was cut off in both directions all day Tuesday. Reports are coming in showing many destructive fires still raging in the Spillmache Valley near Endebay. Many refugees have reached Salmon Arm, Vernon and other places and are being cared for by friends.

## MACHINERY MEN IN SESSION.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 5.—All sections of the country are represented at the joint convention begun here today by the Southern Supply and Machinery Dealers and the American Machinery association. Many topics of interest to the trade are to be discussed at the convention which will continue in session three days.

## PRODUCING STATES.

The States producing the largest amount of slate are Pennsylvania and Vermont. Pennsylvania, whose output in 1908 was valued at \$3,022,958, furnishes more than half of the roofing slate and of the milling stock and is the only State reporting a production of blackboards and school slates. About one-fifth of the milling stock and more than one-third of the roofing slate were quarried in Vermont whose output in 1908 was valued at \$1,707,616. The other States producing slate in 1908 were Maine, whose output was valued at \$213,707; Virginia, with an output valued at \$194,356; New York and New Jersey; with an output worth \$133,494; Maryland, which contributed \$102,186 to the total value for the country; California whose production was valued at \$60,000; and Arkansas, with an output valued at \$2,500.

be presented to the president there must ensue a long conference between the two houses. In view of conflicting reports as to the president's attitude on the special taxation proposition he has reiterated his position, that if it were shown that further revenues were needed the president will adhere to his original proposition, that a graduated inheritance-tax is the most just that could be levied.